

Respite Service

Respite is a service provided to members who are unable to care for themselves that are furnished on a short term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons who normally provide care for the member. Respite may be provided in the member's home or other locations as approved by the respite agency or DHHS; ex. Hotel in case of emergency. This service is available only to members residing with unpaid caregivers.

Qualifications:

- A staff person providing respite must have a certificate as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) or has successfully completed the Direct Support Professional Curriculum as adopted by DHHS or DHHS approved Assessment of Prior Learning prior to July 1, 2010 or has successfully completed the Maine College of Direct Support.
- Minimum of 18 years of age
- Graduated from High School or hold a GED
- Completed background checks
- Completed the following trainings:
 - Reportable Events Training
 - Rights of the Recipient
 - Behavioral Regulations

Capacity/Limits:

- Maximum approval of 350 hours per year of respite service is available to any member living with unpaid caregivers.